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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Nov-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/18/00	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/11/00
BRO-FRY	153,251	155,374
LT HENS	1,709	1,760
HVY HENS	1,453	1,578

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEKS ENDING 04-NOV-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	273	12	285
LAST WEEK	394	35	429
SAME WK YR AGO	284	0	284
TO DATE 2000	20,427	365	20,792
TO DATE 1999	20,681	267	20,948

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,289	1,542	3,831
LAST WEEK	2,337	1,341	3,678
SAME WK YR AGO	2,132	1,550	3,682
TO DATE 2000	106,010	65,896	171,906
TO DATE 1999	113,866	64,216	178,082

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 11-NOV-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,629 (A)	2,016	1,530	3,546
AVG WT	5.12	3.62	7.41	5.25
LAST WEEK	156,627	1,943	1,306	3,249
SAME WEEK YR AGO	148,379	1,848	1,550	3,398
AVG WT	5.02	3.35	7.73	5.35
TO-DATE/2000	6,964,894	85,583	65,531	151,114
TO-DATE/1999	6,832,017	93,185	63,949	1157,134

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 147.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.5 million head or 12.4 million head more than or 108 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	26,727	35,327	42,539
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.82	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	34%	41%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	34,604	38,522	48,214
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.78	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	32%	40%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	35,651	35,804	39,580
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.88	6.16
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	32%	36%
TO DATE/1998	1,450,830	1,479,398	1,783,798
TO DATE/1997	1,406,676	1,376,820	1,804,792

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-NOV-00
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	3,144	3,453	17	0	6,614
AVG WT	15.98	31.53	23.85	26.06	24.12
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,767	3,417	45	36	6,265
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,449 (C)		8	4	5,461
AVG WT	24.74 (C)		29.63	23.00	24.12
TO-DATE/2000	220,987 (C)		1,500	1,178	223,6651
TO-DATE/1999	219,160 (C)		682	1,615	508,594

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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